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Title: ULTRASOUND CONTRAST AGENTS FOR MOLECULAR IMAGING

AMENDMENT and/or RESPONSE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of 24 February 2010, please amend the above referenced application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the following remarks. In the event that the amendments and arguments presented below are not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request a new Office Action for reasons set forth below.

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

- 1. Amendments to the claims;
- 2. Remarks/Discussion of issues.